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A THERMOMETER BASKET.

A CONVENIENT DEVICE IN USE AT UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITAL
NO. 56, FORT McHENRY, MD.

To facilitate the taking of a large number of temperatures, especially of tuberculous patients, the accompanying cut shows an arrangement whereby sterile thermometers as well as soiled ones may be conveniently carried in test-tube holders. An ordinary mechanic can make a number of these baskets from materials that are at hand in practically every Public Health Service hospital.

DETAILS.

Wire letter basket: Top measurements, 14 by 10 inches; bottom measurements, 13 by 9 inches; bottom covered with aluminum $\frac{1}{8}$ inch thick. Two trays of aluminum, one directly over the other, each fitted with 60 holes, 10 lengthwise, 6 crosswise; middle tray, $13\frac{1}{4}$ by $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches; top tray, $13\frac{3}{4}$ by $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; two cleats, or extensions on each end, the cleats of the middle tray being bent over the first wire from the bottom, and those of the top tray bent over the first wire from the top of the basket, holding the trays in proper positions. The handle is made of two pieces of aluminum wire, twisted together and bent around the wire rim at the sides of the basket.

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED JUNE 25, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended June 25, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the "Weekly Health Index," June 28, 1921, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended June 25, 1921.	Corresponding week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47, 225, 626	44, 056, 769
Number of death claims.....	7, 787	8, 117
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force.....	8. 6	9. 6